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Border Guard Zastava at Ablanitsa, Gotse Delchev Okoliya - 1 April 1953

1. A Border Guard zastava is located at Ablanitsa (N 43-02, E 24-42), Gotse Delchev (Nevrokop) Okoliya. The zastava occupies a 1-story stone, whitewashed, building, 8 x 5 meters in size, with a slate roof. A wooden observation tower, approximately eight meters high, is located 15 meters east of this building.
2. The Border Guard zastava at Ablanitsa has a strength of 30-40 men. It is commanded by a lieutenant, and is armed with rifles and 7.62 mm. DP light machine guns. The guard posts are manned by two soldiers, one armed with a light machine gun, and the other with a rifle.
3. The curfew at Ablanitsa starts at 9:00 p.m.

Construction of Smelter in Tsirkva, Dimitrovo Okoliya - 10 December 1952

4. The Lenin Smelter is under construction in the southeast part of Tsirkva (N 42-36, E 23-07), Dimitrovo (Pernik) Okoliya. It consists of a 2-story building which is about 50 x 40 meters in size. Approximately 500 laborers are employed on the construction, working in three shifts per day.
5. A canal about 15 kilometers long will bring water to the smelter from the Studena Dam which is located near Studena (N 42-32, E 23-08), Dimitrovo Okoliya.

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